

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 116

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of B.K. Luna of White County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of B.K. Luna; and

WHEREAS, B.K. Luna was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Luna was born on May 11, 1942, to William Ernest Luna and Lucille Turner Luna in White County; and

WHEREAS, B.K. Luna served with acumen and alacrity as the owner of Luna and Son Tires, in which position he earned the respect of his customers and employees alike for the exemplary quality of his work. His successful business ventures also included 56 Auto Sales and an asphalt paving company; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected community leader, Mr. Luna was the founder of the local Pee Wee Football League, a past president of the Sparta Little League, and a commissioner for White County for twenty-four years; and

WHEREAS, when not working tirelessly to help his community, B.K. Luna enjoyed a number of hobbies and was an enthusiast of Tennessee walking horses, antique cars, and, most famously, racing cars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Luna was well-known statewide for his racing career, which started in 1956, driving the #56 car. He eventually became a track owner of Sparta Speedway and Tennessee Motor Speedway; and

WHEREAS, a devout man of faith and spirituality, B.K. Luna was a member of Indian Mound Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Luna is survived by his loving wife of fifty-six years, Jo Stephens Luna; son, Stephen Luna; sisters, Edna "Neve" Rhoton and Virginia "Midge" Taylor; sisters-in-law, Alfidene Luna, Pearl Luna, Joanne Luna, and Carolyn Oliver; mother-in-law, Edmonda Stephens; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, B.K. Luna leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of B.K. Luna, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Luna.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.